

THE HOUSING WORK GROUP – SHELTER VS. THE STORY

What we do: The DD Council uses the work group to:

- Find out about:
 - The housing needs of people with disabilities;
 - The housing options open to them; and
 - The help they need to live where and as they choose.
- Advise the Council on:
 - Its housing policy;
 - Its advocacy plan for housing; and
 - The actions it needs to take on housing.
- Inform policy makers and the public about:
 - People's housing and support needs;
 - The changes need to enable real choice about housing and supports;
 - The Council's housing efforts.
- Tell people with disabilities and their allies about:
 - Their options for housing and supports; and
 - How they can get help finding and paying for the housing they want and need.
- Suggest housing projects for Council funding; and
- Watch over the Council's existing housing grant projects.

Why you should join: as a member of the work group, you can:

- Learn more about:
 - The housing needs of people with disabilities;

An Inclusive Community:

- Is diverse and welcomes all kinds of people;
- Assures freedom of choice for all who live there;
- Provides the housing and supports options that people with disabilities need to live where they choose.

- The supports and services meant to help them to find and pay for housing; and
- The supports and services designed to help them live the lives they choose.
- Help to inform the DD Council and have a say in what it does about housing;
 - Inform policy makers about what needs to change, like;
 - Laws and rules; and
 - Funding for housing.

Our vision for the future is that ALL people will:

- Have the accessible, affordable, safe housing they choose;
- Live where they want to, with the people they select; and
- Get the services and supports they need to live there.

We believe that:

- People with disabilities want real choices and control of their own lives. To have these, they must be able to:
- Choose among many kinds of affordable housing

And

- Get the supports and services they need, no matter where they live or in what kind of setting.
- We should all be able to choose fair housing that is:
 - Safe
 - Affordable
 - Accessible, and
- Does **not** force us to live:
 - Only with others who look like us, or
 - Only with others who have been given the same "labels."
- None of us should have to live:
 - Only in certain parts of town;
 - Only in group homes or other licensed places, or
 - Only with our aging parents or other family.

Want to know more?

For more information on this valuable work group, including meeting dates and times, please contact the Council office at the address and phone number on the front of this brochure.

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